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Title: Method and System for Providing a Protection Path for  
Connectionless Signals in a Telecommunications Network

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 3, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments set forth below.